

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 352

PANAMA, May 11, 1925

EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to instruction from my Government, I have the honor to advise Your Excellency that the Government of the United States will, from the 15th of May, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Panama desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;² namely, "(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation"; if from the same date the Government of Panama will not

¹ TIAS 1943, *post*, p. 853.

² 43 Stat. 153.

require non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Panama to present visaed passports.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest esteem.

J. G. SOUTH

His Excellency

H. F. ALFARO,

*Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Panama.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

S.P. No. 1256

PANAMA, May 13, 1925

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 352 of the 11th instant in which you are so good as to inform me that your Government from the 15th of May will not collect fees for the visaing of passports or the executing of applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Panama who desire to visit the United States and who are not immigrants as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; provided that from the same date the Government of Panama will not require non-immigrants of the United States of the same classes who desire to visit Panama to present visaed passports.

My Government has taken due note of the kind communication of Your Excellency and it accepts the specified arrangement, and I will, therefore, communicate it to the consular officers of the Republic for its due fulfillment.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

H. F. ALFARO

His Excellency

Dr. JOHN GLOVER SOUTH,

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the
United States of America,
City.*